

BCSP Profile

50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50



A DAY-BY-DAY, SUPER BOWL-BY-SUPER BOWL LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF BLACK COLLEGE PLAYERS ON SUPER BOWLS I THRU 49 AS WE COUNT DOWN THE 50 DAYS TO SUPER BOWL 50

DAY 24 - Wednesday, January 13

SUPER BOWL XXIV

San Francisco 55, Denver 10
January 28, 1990 - Superdome, New Orleans

Five (5) Black College Players

Denver Broncos (2)

Jeff Alexander	RB	Southern
Gerald Perry	OT	Southern

San Francisco 49ers (3)

Terry Greer	WR	Alabama State
Jerry Rice	WR	Mississippi Valley State
John Taylor	WR	Delaware State



ICONIC PHOTO: San Francisco wide receiver **Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State)** raises three fingers after his three touchdown performance in Super Bowl XXIV.

STORYLINE: San Francisco added to its Lombardi Trophy collection going back-to-back in Super Bowls XXIII and XXIV, winning this one in a 55-10 shellacking of Denver at the New Orleans Superdome. Once again, wide receiver **Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State)** had an outstanding game, catching seven (7) passes for 148 yards and touchdown receptions of 20, 38 and 28 yards and could have easily repeated as the MVP. Super Bowl XXIII hero **John Taylor (Delaware State)** also caught a touchdown pass, giving the black college duo (Rice and Taylor) four of the five touchdown passes thrown by SF quarterback Joe Montana.

San Francisco

Jerry Rice, WR (Mississippi Valley State)

Rice had seven receptions for 143 yards and three TDs as the Niners went back-to-back with SB wins. Rice started the scoring with a 20-yard reception from Joe Montana and added 38- and 28-yard scoring catches later in win over Denver

- Catches 9-yard pass from Montana on the right side in 49ers' first drive. Four plays later, catches 20-yard pass across the middle from Montana for game's first touchdown (10:06).

- After San Francisco recovered a fumble, hooks up with Montana on 20-yard pass over the middle. Seven plays later, catches 21-yard pass over the middle down to Denver 10 (:03 seconds left in first period, SF 13, Denver 3).

- Catches 38-yard touchdown pass from Montana down the middle to put San Francisco up 27-3 with :34 seconds left in the first half.

- One play after early third quarter interception, catches 28-yard touchdown pass from Montana down the middle to put SF up 34-3 with 12:48 left in the third quarter.

- Catches 12-yard pass on right side late in third quarter. Four plays later, on first play of fourth quarter, Rathman scores on 3-yard run up the middle (14:57).

John Taylor, WR (Delaware State)

Caught three passes for 49 yards including a 35-yard TD pass from Montana. Also returned three punts for 38 yards in win over Denver.

- Fair catch on the first punt, four plays into the game.

- Makes fair catch on after first Denver series of second quarter.

- Catches 8-yard pass from Montana on first play of third quarter.

- Two plays after Elway's second third-quarter interception, catches 35-yard pass from Montana down the middle for touchdown to put Niners up 41-3 with 9:44 left in the third period.

- Catches 6-yard pass over the middle late in third quarter.

- Returned first fourth-quarter punt 9 yards.



Denver

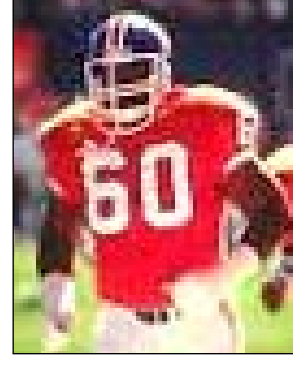
Jeff Alexander, RB (Southern)

Gerald Perry, OT (Southern - #60)

Started at left offensive tackle for Denver in loss to San Francisco.

MVP: Joe Montana, QB, SF - 22 of 29, 297 yards, 5 TDs, no interceptions.

KEY FACTS: Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway was 10 of 26 for 108 yards with two interceptions and was sacked six times. The Broncos also lost two fumbles. Denver had just 167 total yards of offense.



San Francisco wide receiver **Jerry Rice (#80, Mississippi Valley State)** celebrates after scoring one of his three touchdowns in Super Bowl XXIV.



MORE RICE - (Left) San Francisco 49ers receiver **Jerry Rice (#80, Mississippi Valley State)** cradles a pass as he sprints past Denver safety Dennis Smith (#49) into the open field in Super Bowl XXIV. (Right) Rice raises his hands as he's about to cross the goal line for a touchdown, one of three he caught in the game.



TO THE HOUSE: San Francisco wide receiver **John Taylor (#82, Delaware State)** hauls in 35-yard touchdown pass from Joe Montana in third quarter of Super Bowl XXIV.



DYNAMIC DUO: San Francisco wide receivers **Jerry Rice (#80, Mississippi Valley State)** and **John Taylor (#82, Delaware State)** combined for 10 catches and four touchdowns in Super Bowl XXIV.